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## FOUR ROUTES FOR HELLO

Three Embryo Competitors of the Bell Telephone Monopoly.

### ALL SOLICITING PATRONAGE

One New System Perhaps the Ultimate Result—Senator Daniel Interested in One of the Companies—Other Two Are the Home and the Standard. Lively Fight in Prospect.

"Hello, central!" may soon be screamed by the public to four central stations of as many companies in Washington. There is a triangular telephone fight now on which will interest Washingtonians who want cheap telephone service. The fight is, however, a friendly contest for the privileges and franchises of establishing a new system.

These are the companies in which Senator Daniel is said to be interested. The Standard, of which a great deal has recently been said, and the Home Telephone Company, of Baltimore.

Judging from the recent activity of two of these companies they are not frightened by the reversal of Judge Carpenter in the Berliner patent case. There are only two ways perhaps in which to look at the new companies: one is that they are connected with the Bell Company, or that at the proper time they will be able to compete with that monopoly successfully.

ALL MAY BE IN EARNEST. There is not much stock taken in the idea that the candidates for public favor are other than bona fide operators. It will make no difference to the public where they get the money, and no amount of speculation or influence in favor of the monopoly will prove, or be even a reasonable ground for supposing, that the new companies are not in earnest, or that their undertaking is impossible or impracticable.

Cheaper telephone service is, perhaps, universally desired in Washington. The District Commissioners and the Interior Department gave tangible proof of it by providing themselves with a plant of their own.

All of the proposed companies can, no doubt, get all the signatures and future contracts they need. The lively apparent competition on this line last week indicates that the next Congress will have to give mighty good reasons why new franchises shall not be granted.

HOME COMPANY'S CANYASS. The Home Telephone Company's agents were in Anacostia on Saturday, having been here all week. They have obtained quite a large number of signatures to contracts on the figures of \$3 for residences and \$4 for business houses. The agent of the company went to work last of last Monday morning. The idea appears to be to use these signatures and contracts to enlighten Congress by the number and character of the people who are in favor of a cheaper service is needed in Washington.

The Standard Company has a lower price than the Home company. Mr. Hovey, representative of the Standard here, said that the rate of his company was not fixed with reference to that of any other company. They have advertised a rate of \$2.50 for residences and \$3.50 for business houses. One of the Home people said yesterday that it was singular that the rate of the Standard was made just a half dollar lower than that of the Home company.

LIVELY CONTEST FOR PATRONAGE. As to the third company—that of which it is said Senator Daniel is to be president—it had secured more than 1,200 signatures several months ago.

There is now every indication of a lively

## Clothed

—In purple and fine linen and faring automatically every day—DYES may not be accused of riotous living—but of getting in his work, the dyeing of the LAZARUS—and all other POOR PEOPLE—he was distinctly—

### A DAISY, A POSITIVE AND ABSOLUTE SUCCESS.

—Of such how many are there among us today? We hesitate to enumerate—lest we inaugurate a SCARE. We don't want to "SCARE" anybody—but by COCK and PIE—we'd like to do a little TRUTH TELLING—which resolves itself into these few words—read—mark—and inwardly digest them.

### A Suit of Clothes for \$3.00

Strictly all wool—is not an every-day occurrence. Another at FOUR DOLLARS greets applause. Still another at

### FIVE DOLLARS

warms enthusiasm. We are not at sixes and at sevens when we class Carr's Mel-ton suits at

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We want you to appreciate not only the idea—but the position in which we place ourselves when we put such suits on sale at such a price—the suits are not below the standard—but the price named for them is simply ridiculous. This from a man who knows the ways and wherefores.

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fight for public patronage and at least the thousands of people who have signed contracts are of the opinion that there is a contracting operation—down the monopoly. Those who are in favor of maintaining the status quo are prompt with the stereotyped, platitudinous arguments that it will require money to establish a company, that the obtaining of a franchise is a double-jointed impossibility and that the people must continue to pay the freight.

One who is well acquainted with the manager of the Home Company is authorized for the statement that that organization does not intend to let go until Congress declines to act. The fight of the Standard is well known already, and they expect to go before Congress and present their case on the basis of a general demand for relief from the present cost of telephone service.

FATHER GALTEN'S SILVER ANNIVERSARY. Baltimore, Md., June 30.—Rev. Joseph Galt, pastor of St. Paul's Catholic Church, celebrated today the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Clergymen from many states were present, and Cardinal Gibbons called congratulations.

Too Ill to Lecture.

Mr. Cornelius Eckhardt, who was announced to deliver an address last evening in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, has been seriously ill for the last week, in consequence of which the appointment has been indefinitely postponed.

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# FLOUR DAY

COUPON  
Worth  
50 Cents.

50c This coupon is worth fifty cents as part payment on a barrel of flour if presented to-day.

Monday's Price, 4 Cents.

Patent Laundry Wax.....	4c	Borax Soap, cake.....	4c	Cream Crackers, per pound.....	4c
Booness Coddish.....	4c	Brown Soap, long bars.....	4c	Bread Soda, per pound.....	4c
Rising Sun Stove Polish.....	4c	Soapine, pkg.....	4c	Bottled Jamaica Ginger.....	4c
Enamel Stove Polish.....	4c	Brookline, pkg.....	4c	Bottled Jamaica Ginger.....	4c
California Pine.....	4c	English Pear Soap.....	4c	Choice Cooking Tea.....	4c
Ironstone Stove Polish.....	4c	Brook's Crystal Soap.....	4c	Rice, large grain, per pound.....	4c
Small Oil Sardines, can.....	4c	Bon Ami.....	4c	Dried Beans, lb.....	4c
Large Lump Starch.....	4c	Ginger Snaps, per pound.....	4c	J. B. Baking Powder, 1-lb tin.....	4c
Star Soap, cake.....	4c	Soda Crackers, per pound.....	4c	Small Lemon Extract.....	4c
Rose Leaf Soap.....	4c			Small Vanilla.....	4c

## Baby Brand Milk, Now 9c Can.

Best Fresh Eggs, doz.....	13c	5-lb pails Cottage Cheese.....	44c	5-lb pails Armour's Vegetables.....	40c
Criterion Brand Cat. Canned Apples.....	13c	Imported Sardines, large, with key.....	15c	5-lb pails Lard.....	48c
Queen & Anderson Jam.....	13c	Pretzels.....	15c	5-lb pails Silver Leaf Lard.....	48c
California Apples.....	13c	Sirloin Steak.....	15c	Fancy Mixed Tea.....	50c
California Peaches.....	13c	California Peaches.....	15c	Choice Cooking Tea.....	40c
White Wine Vinegar.....	13c	California Peaches.....	15c	Choice Gumpolder Tea.....	60c
Evaporated Cream, can.....	14c	Homemade Chewing Tobacco, lb.....	50c	Extra Choice Gumpolder Tea.....	80c
Best Butterine, lb.....	14c	Star Chewing Tobacco, lb.....	50c	Extra Choice Gumpolder Tea.....	80c
Boss Chewing Tobacco, 3-ply, lb.....	14c	Star Chewing Tobacco, lb.....	50c	5-lb pails Preserves (apple).....	35c
Blue Hen Matches, dozen.....	14c	Star Chewing Tobacco, lb.....	50c	Royal Baking Powder, 1 lb.....	40c
Ground Coffee, per lb.....	15c	Star Chewing Tobacco, lb.....	50c	Chevaland Baking Powder, 1 lb.....	40c
Webb's Cocoa, per tin.....	15c	Star Chewing Tobacco, lb.....	50c	5-lb pails Crescent Lard.....	48c
Eagle Brand Condensed Milk.....	15c	Star Chewing Tobacco, lb.....	50c	Box 50 Good Cigars.....	65c
Smoked Herring, box.....	15c	Star Chewing Tobacco, lb.....	50c		

## 5 Cent Items for To-day.

Strawberry Preserves, lb.....	5c	Lima Beans, per can.....	5c	Pepin Cut Plug Tobacco.....	5c
Curry Jelly, lb.....	5c	Pie Size Baked Beans.....	5c	Globe Fine Cut Tobacco.....	5c
Cherry Preserves, lb.....	5c	Hunter's Mustard Dressing (large).....	5c	Greenback Smoking Tobacco.....	5c
Durham Smoked Tobacco, lb.....	5c	Water Lily Soap, large size.....	5c	Durham Smoking Tobacco.....	5c
Tapicoca, loose, lb.....	5c	Pint Bottles Catsup.....	5c	Our World Cigars.....	5c
Large Whole Potatoes, 5 for.....	5c	1-lb. pails Cottage Cheese.....	5c	Ananias, large bottle.....	5c
Corn Starch, package.....	5c	Celery Salt, bottle.....	5c	Quince Preserves, lb.....	5c
Barley, per lb.....	5c	Alabaster Starch.....	5c	Raspberry Preserves, lb.....	5c
Pickles, in bottles.....	5c	Root Beer, per bottle.....	5c	Peach Preserves, lb.....	5c
Large Pint Bottles Blue.....	5c	Pride of Egypt Cigars.....	5c	Apple Butter, lb.....	5c
Ball Beer, in boxes, each.....	5c	Edwin Booth Cigars.....	5c	Kansas, California.....	5c
Large Can Tomatoes, best quality.....	5c	Minabella Cigars.....	5c	New Dates.....	5c
Canned Corn, per can.....	5c	Willie's Wasp Cigars.....	5c	Turkish Prunes.....	5c
Canned Peas, per can.....	5c	Scott's Snuff, per box.....	5c	Canned Succotash, can.....	5c
String Beans, per can.....	5c	Fashion Fine Cut, package.....	5c		

## Large Can Baked Beans, 9c.

Potted Ham, small.....	6c	Johnston's 6-oz. Yeast Powder.....	4c	1-4 bbl Royal Family.....	\$1.15
Loose Lard, lb.....	6c	Maryland Peaches, per can.....	4c	1-8 bbl Royal Family.....	60c
Animal Crackers.....	6c	Large 3-lb Can Baked Beans.....	9c	Lily Best Patent Flour, bbl.....	\$5.00
Nic-Nacs, per pound.....	6c	Cannell Oysters, per can.....	9c	1-4 bbl Lily Best Patent.....	\$1.40
Raisins, Imported.....	6c	Edi Pettigrew's food, package.....	9c	1-4 bbl Lily Best Patent Flour.....	70c
Baby Brand Condensed Milk, can.....	6c	Mother's Baked Beans, can.....	9c	1-10 bbl Lily Best Patent Flour.....	\$4.50
Salmon, tall cans.....	6c	One Gumpolder Tea.....	35c	1-4 bbl Electric Light Flour.....	\$1.20
Large French Prunes.....	6c	Spring Leaf Tea.....	35c	1-8 bbl Electric Light Flour.....	65c
Pettigrew's Breakfast Food.....	6c	Fine Oolong Tea.....	35c	1-16 bbl Electric Light Flour.....	37c
American Gelatin.....	6c	Old Government Java Coffee.....	35c	1-32 bbl Electric Light Flour.....	18c
Rumford's 6-oz Yeast Powder.....	6c	Best Mocha Coffee.....	35c	1-32 bbl Royal Family Flour.....	15c

## Best Ginger Snaps, 4c Pound.

Gumpolder Tea, per lb.....	26c	Large cans Soused Mackerel.....	20c	Royal Salad Dressing, bottle.....	20c
Johnston Breakfast Coffee.....	20c	Colburn's Salad Dressing.....	20c	Campbell's Biscuits Catapult, pt. size.....	20c
Sinap, per pound.....	20c	Royal Baking Powder, 1-2 lb.....	20c	Pontiac Biscuits Bunham's Cocoa.....	20c
Molasses, per gallon.....	20c	Cleveland Baking Powder, 1-2 lb.....	20c	Choice 1-lb.....	20c
2-pound Cans Beef.....	20c	Wild Cherry Beverage, per large bottle.....	20c		

## Best Mixed Tea, 50c Pound.

Machine Oil, per bottle.....	2c	The Saturday Night Cigars, each.....	3c	1-lb cans Fairbank's Chipped Beef.....	25c
Coffee Essence, per box.....	2c	Bixby's Small Blacking.....	3c	6-ating Brooms.....	25c
Large Size Bux Salt.....	2c	Babbitt's Soap.....	4-14c	Golden Drip Syrup.....	25c
Soap, Power, per box.....	2c	Raisins, seedless.....	5c	3-lb pails Cottage Cheese.....	25c
Hot Smoked Hatters, each.....	2c	Macaroni, per package.....	5c	3-lb pails Lard.....	25c
Hominy, 5-lb.....	2c	Potted Tongue, small.....	5c	1-16 bbl Royal Family Flour.....	30c
Conserve Hominy.....	2c	Home-made Egg Noodles (large).....	10c	Richardson & Robbins Potted Turkey.....	30c
Bar Sotter Cigars, each.....	2c	Whole Pepper, 1-4 lb.....	10c	Holland Java and Mocha Coffee.....	30c
Gilt Edge Soap (5c size), each.....	2-12c	Wilbur's Chocolate, cake.....	17c	Java and Mocha Coffee.....	30c
Small Durham Mustard (boxes).....	3c	Porterhouse Steak.....	18c		
Small Glasses Mustard.....	3c	Wilbur's Cocoa, per tin.....	18c		

## To-day's 8-cent Reduction Items.

Ladies' Royal Seal Polish.....	8c	Ground Pepper, 1-4 lb.....	8c	Olives, in glass jars.....	8c
Large Enameline.....	8c	Yellow Mustard, Seed, 1-4 lb.....	8c	Large Lemon Extracts.....	8c
Red Seal Lye, can.....	8c	Ground Mustard, 1-4 lb.....	8c	Large Vanilla.....	8c
Mandelstein Powder, 1-4 lb.....	8c	Ground Mustard, 1-4 lb.....	8c	Candies, No. 6, per pound.....	8c
Whole Cloves, 1-4 lb.....	8c	Ground Mace, 1-8 lb.....	8c	Quart Bottles Catsup.....	8c
Ground Allspice, 1-4 lb.....	8c	Whole Mace, 1-8 lb.....	8c	New Figs, per lb.....	8c
Salt Peter, 1-4 lb.....	8c	Ground Cayenne Pepper, 1-4 lb.....	8c	Large Bottles Jamaica Ginger.....	8c
Cream Tartar, 1-4 lb.....	8c	Whole Pepper, 1-4 lb.....	8c	General Arthur Cigars.....	8c
Celery Seed, 1-4 lb.....	8c	Macaroni, per package.....	8c	Good Steak.....	8 and 10c
Ground Ginger, 1-4 lb.....	8c	Fruit Pudding (all flavors).....	8c	Hemp Cloth Lines (100 feet).....	8c
Caraway Seed, 1-4 lb.....	8c	Hiss's Sauce.....	8c	Sapoline, large.....	8c
Whole Allspice, 1-4 lb.....	8c	J. B. Baking Powder, 1-2 lb.....	8c		

## 10 Cents Will Buy Them To-day.

Labrador Herring, dozen.....	10c	New Prunes.....	10c	Lantern Jars Mustard.....	10c
N. Y. Cream Biscuit.....	10c	Large Silver Prunes.....	10c	Large Bottles Catsup.....	10c
Lemon Cakes.....	10c	Cal. Evap. Apples.....	10c	Home-made Egg Noodles (small).....	10c
Milk Lunch Biscuits.....	10c	Cal. Evap. Tangerines.....	10c	General Arthur (large) Cigars.....	10c
Mixed Nuts, best.....	10c	Cal. Evap. Ham, all lean, lb.....	10c	Ed Dominion (large) Tobacco.....	10c
Cal. Evap. Peaches.....	10c	Chicago, lb.....	10c	Bob White Tobacco.....	10c
Cal. Evap. Pears.....	10c	Best Cream Cheese, lb.....	10c	Gravely's Best Tobacco.....	10c
Cal. Evap. Apples.....	10c	Lantern Jars Syrup, pints.....	10c	Breakfast Bacon, lb.....	10c

## Best Mixed Cakes, 12 Cents Pound To-day.

Imported Sardines, small, key.....	12c	Mixed Rife Nuts.....	12c	Rib Roast of Beef, per lb.....	12c
Spiced Salmon, large flat cans.....	12c	Saltine Wafers.....	12c	Round Steak.....	12c
Flat cans Boiled Mackerel.....	12c	Fruit Crackers (Sultanas) per lb.....	12c	Sack Corn Meal (Squirrel Brand).....	12c
Baltimore sugar-cured Hams, lb.....	12c	Granham Wafers, per pound.....	12c	Plymouth Rock (both colors).....	12c
Bacon Strips.....	12c	Vanilla Wafers, per pound.....	12c	Olive Oil (large).....	12c
Society Wafers.....	12c	Egg Biscuits, per pound.....	12c	Cooking Butter.....	12c
Vanilla Cakes.....	12c	Wintergreen Candy.....	12c	Campbell's Biscuits Catapult, pt. size.....	12c
Sugar Jumbles.....	12c	Canned Corned Beef, sliced.....	12c	Cal. Pitted Evaporated Peas, lb.....	12c
Honey Jumbles.....	12c				

## Potted Ham and Tongue, 6c Can.

Arbuckle Coffee.....	22c	Columbia Soups—Chicken, Julienne.....	22c	Dunbar's Banatara Shrimps, large.....	25c
Alvite Oil (imported).....	22c	Tomato, Consomme, Mulligatawny.....	22c	Potato Chips, per pound.....	25c
Lea & Perrin's Worcestershire Sauce.....	22c	—large cans, each.....	22c	Java Flavored Coffee.....	25c
Canned Tomato Soup (large can).....	22c	Durkee's Salad Dressing, bottle.....	22c	New Orleans Baking Molasses.....	25c
Canned Chicken Soup (large can).....	22c	Best Elgin Butter, lb.....	22c	Mustard, per gallon.....	25c

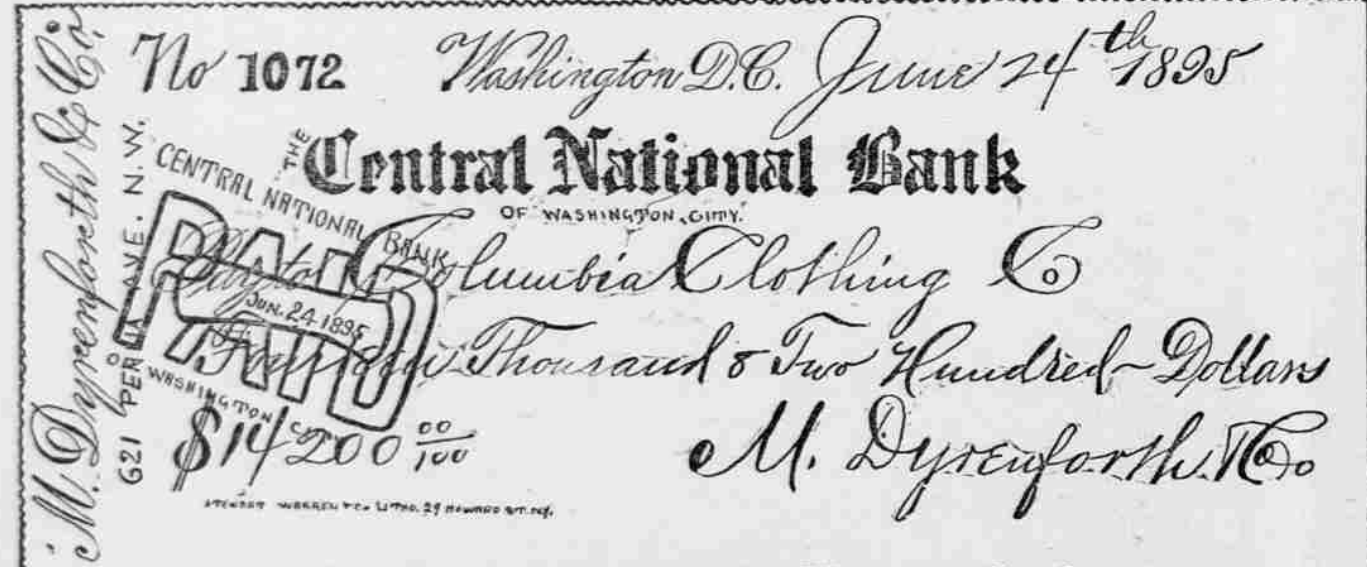
## These Items 7 Cents To-day.

Elgin Star Condensed Milk, can.....	7c	Western Shoulder.....	7c	Tapicoca, per package.....	7c
Large Fat Mackerel, per lb.....	7c	Mixed Candy, per lb.....	7c	Farina, pound package.....	7c
Vinegar, per gallon.....	7c	Ivory (Elephant Head) Starch.....	7c	Olive Oil (small).....	7c
Bixby's Large Blacking.....	7c	Maryland P. Potatoes.....	7c	Early Java Peas.....	7c
Large Mustard Sardines.....	7c	2-lb packages Best Oats.....	7c	Stick Candy, all flavors.....	7c
Sugar-cured Shoulders, lb.....	7c	Sago, per package.....	7c		
Fat Back, for seasoning.....	7c				

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Suits that were \$8.00—Now.....	\$4.00	Trousers that were \$3.00—Now.....	\$1.50
Suits that were \$10.00—Now.....	\$5.00	Trousers that were \$4.00—Now.....	\$2.00
Suits that were \$12.00—Now.....	\$6.00	Trousers that were \$5.00—Now.....	\$2.50
Suits that were \$15.00—Now.....	\$7.50	Trousers that were \$6.00—Now.....	\$3.00
Suits that were \$18.00—Now.....	\$9.00		

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